



JUDICIAL PROFILE

Pamela J. Franks currently presides over criminal matters. Previously she served as Juvenile Court Associate Presiding Judge and was Presiding Judge of the Probate/Mental Health Department from May, 1995 until May, 1998. Judge Franks has also been assigned to the Civil Department and Family Court since her appointment to the bench in 1989.

Judge Franks is an Arizona native. She received her undergraduate degree in history from Stanford University in 1975 and her law degree with distinction from the University of Arizona in 1978. She served as a law clerk to Hon. Frank X. Gordon, Jr. at the Arizona Supreme Court; served as an Assistant Federal Public Defender and practiced with the Phoenix firm of Allen, Kimerer and LaVelle. Judge Franks is a Fellow of the Arizona Bar Foundation and a member of the Arizona Women Lawyers Association and the National Association of Women Judges. She also serves on the Board of the Foundation for Blind Children.

